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OAK PARK DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO FIFTH DRUG CRIME
Defendant Faces a Significant Federal Prison Term

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DAVID BROWN, JR., 28, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty today to a single charge of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The guilty plea was entered before United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Problem Oriented Police (POP) officers of the Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Anne Pings, who prosecuted the case, the Sacramento Police Department POP officers knew BROWN to be a parolee convicted of prior drug offenses and a persistent drug dealer in the Oak Park neighborhood. On January 7, 2008, the Oak Park POP officers were patrolling at the intersection of 8th Avenue and San Jose Way. When BROWN saw the officers, he threw down a bag containing over 40 grams crack cocaine.

The maximum statutory penalty for this a violation after a prior felony drug conviction is life in prison. The mandatory minimum sentence that this defendant must serve is 10 years in prison. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on November 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

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